

HOUSE BILL No. 1730

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-27; IC 4-23-28.

Synopsis: Commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs. Establishes the executive commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs. Repeals the legislative commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the legislative commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs.)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2003]:
4 **Chapter 28. Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
6 **commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs established by section 2 of**
7 **this chapter.**
8 **Sec. 2. The commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs is established.**
9 **Sec. 3. (a) The commission shall do the following:**
10 **(1) Identify and research issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino**
11 **communities.**
12 **(2) Promote cooperation and understanding between the**
13 **Hispanic/Latino communities and other communities**
14 **throughout Indiana.**
15 **(3) Report to the legislative council and the governor**
16 **concerning Hispanic/Latino issues, including the following:**
17 **(A) Conditions causing exclusion of Hispanics/Latinos**



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from the larger Indiana community.

(B) Measures to stimulate job skill training and related workforce development.

(C) Measures to sustain cultural diversity while improving race and ethnic relations.

(D) Public awareness of issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino communities.

(E) Measures that could facilitate easier access to state and local government services by Hispanics/Latinos.

(F) Challenges and opportunities arising out of the growth of the Hispanic/Latino population.

(b) The commission may study other topics:

(1) as assigned by the governor;

(2) as assigned by the legislative council; or

(3) as directed by its chairperson.

Sec. 4. (a) The commission consists of nineteen (19) members appointed as follows:

(1) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may not be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) Four (4) members of the Hispanic/Latino community who are not members of the general assembly, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(4) Four (4) members of the Hispanic/Latino community who are not members of the general assembly, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(5) The secretary of family and social services or a designee of the secretary who is a Hispanic or Latino employee of the office of the secretary of family and social services.

(6) The commissioner of the state department of health or a designee of the commissioner who is a Hispanic or Latino employee of the state department of health.

(7) The state superintendent of public instruction or a designee of the superintendent who is a Hispanic or Latino employee of the state department of education.

(8) The commissioner of the department of correction or a designee of the commissioner who is a Hispanic or Latino employee of the department of correction.

(9) The director of the civil rights commission or a designee of

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the director who is a Hispanic or Latino employee of the civil rights commission.

(10) The director of the department of commerce or a designee of the director who is a Hispanic or Latino employee of the department of commerce.

(11) A Hispanic or Latino business person, appointed by the governor.

In making their appointments under this section, the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall attempt to have the greatest possible number of counties represented on the commission.

(b) If a legislative member of the commission ceases to be a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the member also ceases to be a member of the commission.

(c) A member of the commission may be removed at any time by the appointing authority who appointed the member.

(d) If a vacancy on the commission occurs, the appointing authority who appointed the former member whose position has become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 5. (a) The commission shall meet on call of the chairperson and at other times that the commission determines.

(b) The chairperson may designate subcommittees to meet between commission meetings and report back to the full commission.

Sec. 6. (a) At the first meeting of the commission each year, the members shall elect:

(1) one (1) member to be the commission's chairperson; and

(2) one (1) member to be the commission's vice chairperson.

(b) A vacancy in the office of chairperson or vice chairperson shall be filled by a member of the commission selected by vote of the remaining members. The term of office of a person chosen under this subsection to fill a vacancy in the office of chairperson or vice chairperson expires at the first meeting of the commission the following year.

Sec. 7. (a) The department of workforce development shall provide staff and administrative support to the commission.

(b) The expenses of the commission shall be paid from appropriations made to the department of workforce development.

Sec. 8. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure, including final reports.

Sec. 9. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state

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1 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
 2 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement
 3 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
 4 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
 5 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
 6 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
 7 agency.

8 (b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but
 9 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
 10 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
 11 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
 12 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
 13 procedures established by the Indiana department of
 14 administration and approved by the budget agency.

15 (c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the
 16 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,
 17 and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study
 18 committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,
 19 mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be
 20 paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the
 21 legislative services agency.

22 Sec. 10. (a) Funding for the commission shall be derived from
 23 funds appropriated to the department of workforce development.

24 (b) If money is appropriated under subsection (a), the money
 25 does not revert to the state general fund at the end of a state fiscal
 26 year but remains available to the department of workforce
 27 development until the purpose for which it was appropriated is
 28 fulfilled.

29 Sec. 11. (a) In furtherance of its purposes and duties, the
 30 commission may accept gifts and contributions from individuals,
 31 foundations, corporations, and other organizations or institutions.

32 (b) Money received under subsection (a) does not revert to the
 33 state general fund at the end of a state fiscal year but remains
 34 available for the use of the commission to carry out this chapter.

35 SECTION 2. IC 2-5-27 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 36 2003].

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